

In the Specification:

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Page 11, lines 1 to 12:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The objects, features and advantages of the invention will now be described in more detail with the aid of the following description of the preferred embodiments, with reference to the accompanying figures in which:

Figure 1 is a partial longitudinal cross-sectional view through an absorber pipe according to a first embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is a partial longitudinal cross-sectional view through an absorber pipe according to a second embodiment of the invention; ~~and~~

Figure 3 is a partial longitudinal cross-sectional view through an absorber pipe according to a third embodiment of the invention; and

~~Figure 4 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view through an absorber pipe according to a fourth embodiment of the invention; and~~

Figure 4-5 is a perspective view of a parabolic reflector including an absorber pipe in accordance with the present invention.

Page 13, line 17, please delete the five paragraphs inserted at this point in the specification by the amendment filed January 4, 2005.

Page 13, after line 17 but before the last paragraph (line 18), please insert the following paragraph:

The parabolic collector PC according to the invention is shown in fig. 4. The parabolic collector comprises a longitudinally extending linear parabolic reflector PR having a focal line FL and an absorber pipe 1. The ends of the absorber pipe 1 are each covered by the protective tube 20, which was described in the foregoing. An expansion compensating device 10, which was also described above, is arranged under each protective tube 20.